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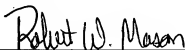
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Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
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